

New Castle Elementary School's Title 1 Family Information

2021-2022

Colonial
SCHOOL DISTRICT

WE

Welcome NCE Families!

Meeting Agenda

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- 1. Title 1 Program Overview**
- 2. Parent's Rights**
- 3. Parent Involvement Policies (School and District Level)**
- 4. Parent- School Compacts**
- 5. School Responsibilities**
- 6. Questions and Feedback**

Title 1 Program Overview

1. Title I, a part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) first enacted in 1965, is a federally funded program that was reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 and then again by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015
2. It is the **largest** federal education funding program for schools.
3. It provides funding for schools to help **all** students who are behind academically or at risk of falling behind to meet our state's academic content and performance standards.
4. Schools **qualify** for Title I funds based on the percentage of their students who meet the “economic need” target as determined by the Delaware Department of Health and Human Services (DHSS).

Title 1 Program Overview Continued

5. Being a Title I school means the school receives federal funding to supplement the school's existing programs. These funds are used for...

- Identifying students experiencing academic difficulties and providing timely assistance to help these students meet the State's challenging content standards.
- Purchasing supplemental staff/programs/materials/supplies
- Conducting Parental Involvement meetings/trainings/activities (like this one) which improves communication between schools and families **and** allows parents to be part of decision making processes at the school and district levels.

Title 1 Parent Rights

As a parent of a student attending a Title 1 school, Federal regulations provides you with the right to:

- Obtain certain information on the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher and paraprofessional providing services to your child.
- Schedule regular meetings with your children's teachers or school administrators.
- Obtain information on the level of achievement of your child on each state academic assessment.
- Be involved in the development of your schools Parental Involvement Plan, Parent-School Compact, and School Success Plan (SSP)
- File a complaint to the State of Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) if you believe we are violating ESEA Title 1 Federal law or regulations.

Title 1 Parent Involvement Plans

Federal ESEA Title 1 regulations requires every Local Education Agency (LEA) or District and School to develop and **annually** revise (if needed) a Parent Involvement Plan (PIP) collaboratively with parents and family which includes:

- How parents can be involved in decision-making and activities
- How parental involvement funds are being used
- How information and training will be provided to parents
- How the school will provide opportunities for strong parental involvement

Ways that YOU can be involved **every** year (even during the era of covid!)

- Book Fair Volunteer
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- School/Community Events
- Open House
- Back to School Nights
- Annual Title 1 Meetings
- Curriculum Nights

Title 1 Parent -School Compacts

- **Federal ESEA Title 1 regulations requires every school to create and annually revise a School-Parent Compact.**
- **The compact is a commitment from the school, the parent, and the student to share in the responsibility for improved academic achievement.**
- **Compacts are signed at the beginning of each year by students, parents, and the school.**
- **You, as Title I Parents, have the right to be involved in the development of the School Parent Compact.**

Colonial's Title 1 Responsibilities to YOU!!!

- Inform you about the rating of the school as determined each year by DDOE and why it received that rating
- Inform you about programs occurring in the school that may benefit your child
- Tell you if you have the opportunity to choice your child to a different school
- Inform you if free after-school tutoring is available for your child
- Provide you with opportunities to be involved in school and district improvement efforts, including improvement planning
- Provide timely notices to you if your child has been assigned to or taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified
- Provide you with the school's parental involvement policy and school/parent compact and post them on the school's website*
- Make notifications and communications available in other languages for the parents of limited English proficient students, including how these parents can be involved and how they can help their children achieve at high levels
- Have annual meetings (like this one) where you can learn more about your rights and ask questions about Federal Title 1 law and our programs

Where can you find all Title 1 information and documents specific to Colonial?

- Visit our school website at colonialschooldistrict.org
- Select the **Parents & Students** tab and then click on the **Title 1** tab
- There you should find links to our
 - Parent-School Compact
 - Parent Involvement Plan
 - Right to Know Form
 - States Title 1 Complaint Policy
- Give us feedback on how to improve any of the above as well as suggestions on how to better parent-school relations by **completing a short survey** at www.colonialschooldistrict.org <https://form.jotform.com/203013955826152>